Cable T.V. Network in the Country

1583. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cable television networks operating in the country;

(b) the number of such projects approved during 1990-91, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the policy being adopted by the Government for according approval to cable television networks in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). As per the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and the Rules made thereunder, no permission is required to set up a Cable TV Networks within private premises. The details of such networks operating in the country are, therefore, not available with the Government.

Koel Karo Hydel Electric Power Project

1584. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest estimate of the cost on the implementation of Koel Karo Hydel Electric Project of Bihar in foreign exchange;

(b) the estimated unit cost of power to be generated by this project;

(c) the total investment made in the project so far by the Union Government and State Governments; and

(d) the likely date for the completion of project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The project is proposed to be executed indigenously. However, the foreign exchange component for import of certain equipment and material is Rs. 1872.00 lakhs.

(b) The cost of generation per unit works out to be 229.27 paise/unit.

(c) N.H.P.C. has spent Rs. 9.64 crores upto October, 1991 on this project.

(d) The project is likely to be completed in a period of 8 years from November, 1991 i.e. by November, 1999.

Dowry Deaths

1585. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dowry deaths reported from different States and Union Territories during 1990 and in 1991 upto September 1991; and

(b) the steps taken to check such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMANTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A Statement showing State-wise and Union Territory-wise number of cases reported as dowry deaths during 1990 and available information upto September, 1991 is enclosed.

(b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes including